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Minor Prophets—Old Testament

**Author:** Hosea

**When It Happened:** About 800–725 BC

**Chapters:** 14

**Key People:** Hosea, Gomer

**Summary:** Hosea is an account that God uses to parallel a man's love and faithfulness to his unfaithful wife with God's love and faithfulness to His unfaithful people, Israel. Just as Gomer abandoned Hosea, her husband, so Israel had turned from the one true God to false gods and idols. But God reveals His mercy and love in this account. For just as Gomer's husband forgave her and brought her back, so God will forgive all who turn to Him in repentance and faith.

**About God:** God's love for His children is seen through Jesus Christ. And He is faithful and merciful to forgive those who humbly repent.